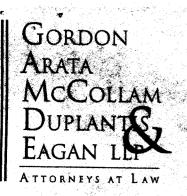


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August 5, 2003

Ref: 3553-21033

Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation Post Office Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: He

Hearing Application
1st Discorbis Stray Sand, Reservoir A
SOUTHWEST ESTHER FIELD
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Mosbacher Energy Co.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of Mosbacher Energy Co. for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 1st Discorbis Stray Sand, Reservoir A, in the Southwest Esther Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

- 1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 378 acres each for the 1st Discorbis Stray Sand, Reservoir A, designated as the DISC 1 Stray RA SUA, Southwest Esther Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat:
- To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
- 4. To provide for the future reclassification of the reservoir without the necessity of a public hearing, if such reclassification becomes necessary due to a change in production characteristics of the reservoir;
- 5. To permit applicant to drill, designate and utilize the Mosbacher Energy Co.-LA Furs No. 1 Well as an additional alternate unit well for the DISC 1 STRAY RA SUA, such well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
- 6. To grant a single unit allowable for the DISC 1 STRAY RA SUA and to permit the operator of the unit to produce said unit allowables from

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the proposed unit well, the proposed alternate unit well, or from either of the wells in the unit, at its option;

- 7. To designate a unit operator, a unit well and an alternate unit well for the proposed unit, and
- 8. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The 1st Discorbis Stray Sand, Reservoir A in the Southwest Esther Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the measured depths of 12,432 feet and 12,448 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Mosbacher Energy Co.-LA Furs No. 3 Well, located in Section 14, Township 14 South, Range 2 East.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated July 22, 2003 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2003. No requests to confer were received with in writing or by telephone, and in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively schedule conference WILL NOT BE HELD.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the 1st Discorbis Stray Sand, Reservoir A, Southwest Esther Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this pre-application notice. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Chip LeBlanc of LeBlanc Geological, Inc., 3500 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 405, Metairie, LA 70002 (504) 828-8700.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours.

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager, Office of Conservation
All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and
Interested Parties

